



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

April 27, 2017
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: February 23, 2017

V. Approval of Agenda: April 26, 2017

VI. Announcements / Correspondence

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Old Business

1. Discuss Interest in Sister City Relationship with Hyderabad, India

Background: Commissioner Awasthi leads research and discussion regarding this city's interest in becoming a Milpitas Sister City.

Recommendation: Receive update from Commissioner Awasthi.

2. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin America City

Background: Recent research has centered in finding a sister city near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this research.

Recommendation: Review and discuss new information as it becomes available.

3. Update: Contact with Milpitas High School (MHS) Leadership Team

Background: Staff met with Principal Phil Morales on January 12, 2017. There has been no contact since the announcement of his resignation. For the remaining 2016-16 and upcoming 2017-18 school years, Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) Board Member Chris Norwood has been named as the MUSD Liaison to the SCC. MUSD Board Member Daniel Bobay is the alternate.

Recommendation: Discuss possible contacts for October 2017 home stay coordination.

4. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister City Program

Background: The International Festival & BBQ is the weekend of May 20 – 21. Commissioners responded to an emailed poll from staff requesting their availability to participate.

Recommendation: Receive staff report. Determine participation in the International Festival & BBQ.

5. ePal Project with Sister Cities

Background: There are 13 students each from Tsukuba and Milpitas communicating. The remaining 55 students were split between Huizhou and Dagupan. Communications between students began the week of November 7, 2016.

Recommendation: Review updates as available.

6. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

7. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Tsai is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

8. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Vice Chair Chang is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

VI. Student Liaison Report

VII. City Council Liaison Report

VIII. School District Liaison Report

IX. Future Agenda Items

Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China
4. Possible New Business: as noted by SCC members and approved by the Chair.

X. Adjournment

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